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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Municipal Official

**FROM:** Steven J. McCurdy, Director, DEP Division of Municipal Services

**DATE:** August 3, 2004

**RE:** 2004 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey

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**Massachusetts seeks your help in gathering data and documentation to fulfill the state of Massachusetts' portion of the 2004 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in partnership with the states, conducts this Needs Survey every four years to identify and document the cost of projects needed to address water quality and public health in all 50 states. The allocation of State Revolving Fund (SRF) monies available to Massachusetts is based upon the ratio of Massachusetts' total need versus the national level of need.**

The 2004 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) includes detailed estimates of the capital costs eligible for funding under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The Needs Survey assesses publicly owned municipal wastewater collection and treatment facilities; facilities for the control of combined sewer overflows (CSOs); activities designed to control storm water runoff; activities designed to control non-point source (NPS) pollution; Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans (CWMPs); Project Evaluation Reports (PERs); and activities associated with implementing approved Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMPs) pursuant to the National Estuary Program (NEP) established by section 320 of the Clean Water Act. The national data gathered in this Needs Survey is used by EPA to develop a report to the U.S. Congress, which will use the data to determine federal allocation of funds to the states.

The completion of this survey is not meant to be a hardship and if you can't answer every question or don't know about every project, please complete what you can. If you have ever completed a population census, you can think of this as an "environmental census" in which the data collected can be used to help Congress allocate funding to the states. Please complete this survey by September 24, 2004 and return within the enclosed stamped envelope.

If you wish to complete this survey electronically please visit DEP's website:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/brp/mf/cwsrf.htm>

to download the Excel file and return the completed file via email to Ping.Yee@state.ma.us.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD Service - 1-800-298-2207.

DEP on the World Wide Web: <http://www.mass.gov/dep>

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*(If you choose not to complete the survey please return this survey within the enclosed stamped envelope.)*

If you any have questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Ping Yee at 617-292-5769 or Mr. Stephen Hawko at 617-292-5741.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Enclosure: 2004 CWNS Guidance, Survey Data Fields Comments, CWNS Survey

Cc: Wastewater Treatment Plant and Town/City Hall Department of Public Works